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### **THREE CHARGED IN FEDERAL-STATE COCAINE INVESTIGATION; OVER 40 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE SEIZED FROM MADISON RESIDENCE**

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jose Olivas-Lopez, 54; Israel Aguilera, 29; and Francisco Cazares-Olivas, aka: "Pancho," 52; all of Madison, Wisconsin, were charged today in a complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Madison with conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute and to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine. If convicted, each man faces a mandatory minimum of 10 years and a maximum of life in prison.

The complaint alleges that Jose Olivas-Lopez delivered one kilogram of cocaine on November 20, 2006. The complaint further alleges that Israel Aguilera and Francisco Cazares-Olivas were arrested on November 20, 2006, when they attempted to collect the drug proceeds from the previously supplied kilogram of cocaine.

A search warrant executed at 935 South Gammon Road, in Madison, the alleged home of Israel Aguilera and Francisco Cazares-Olivas, resulted in the recovery of 41 kilograms of cocaine, \$25,000 and other evidence of drug distribution, including a scale.

The complaint followed a joint investigation involving the Drug Enforcement

Administration, the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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